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Committee Bill No. 396

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Referred to Committee on Insurance and Real Estate

Introduced by:
(INS)

**AN ACT CONCERNING INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR CERTAIN
THERAPIES AND PRESCRIPTION DRUGS FOR THE TREATMENT OF
PROSTATE CANCER.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 38a-492g of the general statutes is repealed and
2 the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2012*):

3 (a) Each individual health insurance policy providing coverage of
4 the type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section
5 38a-469 delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, amended or continued
6 in this state [on or after January 1, 2000,] shall provide coverage for
7 laboratory and diagnostic tests, including, but not limited to, prostate
8 specific antigen (PSA) tests, to screen for prostate cancer for men who
9 are symptomatic [,] or whose biological father or brother has been
10 diagnosed with prostate cancer, and for all men fifty years of age or
11 older.

12 (b) Each such policy shall provide coverage for external beam
13 radiation therapy and brachytherapy for the treatment of prostate
14 cancer, provided such therapies are (1) medically necessary, and (2)

15 ordered by a licensed physician.

16 (c) Each such policy that provides coverage for prescription drugs
 17 shall provide coverage for phosphodiesterase-5 inhibitor prescription
 18 drugs for the treatment of erectile dysfunction resulting from a radical
 19 prostatectomy.

20 Sec. 2. Section 38a-518g of the general statutes is repealed and the
 21 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2012*):

22 (a) Each group health insurance policy providing coverage of the
 23 type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-
 24 469 delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, amended or continued in
 25 this state [on or after January 1, 2000,] shall provide coverage for
 26 laboratory and diagnostic tests, including, but not limited to, prostate
 27 specific antigen (PSA) tests, to screen for prostate cancer for men who
 28 are symptomatic [,] or whose biological father or brother has been
 29 diagnosed with prostate cancer, and for all men fifty years of age or
 30 older.

31 (b) Each such policy shall provide coverage for external beam
 32 radiation therapy and brachytherapy for the treatment of prostate
 33 cancer, provided such therapies are (1) medically necessary, and (2)
 34 ordered by a licensed physician.

35 (c) Each such policy that provides coverage for prescription drugs
 36 shall provide coverage for phosphodiesterase-5 inhibitor prescription
 37 drugs for the treatment of erectile dysfunction resulting from a radical
 38 prostatectomy.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>January 1, 2012</i>	38a-492g
Sec. 2	<i>January 1, 2012</i>	38a-518g

Statement of Purpose:

To require health insurance coverage for (1) external radiation beam therapy and brachytherapy for the treatment of prostate cancer, and (2) phosphodiesterase-5 inhibitor prescription drugs for the treatment of erectile dysfunction resulting from a radical prostatectomy.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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